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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“Time is an equal opportunity employer. Each human being has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day. Rich people can't buy more hours. Scientists can't invent new minutes. And you can't save time to spend it on another day. Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving. No matter how much time you've wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow.” ~ Denis Waitley

Friday, July 25, 2008

Members of the Indiana State Budget Committee, State Representative Amos Thomas, Commissioner Donahue, incoming Commissioner Buss, and Central Office Executive Staff toured programs at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. The Budget Committee presented Commissioner Donahue with a token of appreciation for his service to the Department.

Pendleton Correctional Facility's PLUS Program donated \$1,000 to the North American Association of Warden and Superintendents in support of the "Make a Smile Project." Funds raised will be used to rebuild playgrounds and purchase recreational equipment for areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

The Indiana State Prison's Shifting Gears program donated 2 bikes to children in the community whose bikes were stolen earlier this week. The young boys deliver papers for a paper route and use their bikes to assist them.

Madison Correctional Facility donated over 900 lbs. of vegetables from its first garden to the Salvation Army's soup kitchen.

61 offenders graduated from the CLIFF program at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. Approximately 22 family members were on hand to witness the graduation. Director of Substance Abuse Jerry Vance delivered an inspiring message. and 2 graduates gave their personal testimonials.

The Plainfield Correctional Complex held a job fair where 75 people were interviewed during the 5 hour fair.

The Indiana Women's Prison staff and offenders assigned to the Special Needs Workshop made and donated 25 centerpieces to the Correctional Training Institute for an upcoming trainer's conference.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS unit donated 1,000 lbs. of fresh produce from their organic garden to a local subsidized housing complex. The program hopes to surpass last year's donation total of over 6,000 lbs.

A bake sale was conducted at the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week to raise money for this year's "Villages" campaign. The Bake Sale was such a success that the facility was able to purchase additional folders. The Facility was able to donate a total of 2,088 folders for the campaign.

The Correctional Industrial Facility's grounds crew has donated a total of 126 pounds of vegetables to the Christian Center Kitchen located in Anderson.

The Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted the Plainfield Complex's Community Advisory Board meeting. The CAB includes members of the community who are interested in the progress made by the correctional facilities in their area.

All 400 of Westville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community offenders participated in a "Field Day" where the clean, healthy living commitment of the offenders was recognized through sporting events and games. The day was hosted by the TC's creative energy group, which is made of a staff member and selected offenders who promote healthy hobbies.

Offenders from the Putnamville Correctional Facility have donated arts and crafts for display at the Putnam County Museum. Their pieces will remain on display through mid-September 2008, and one of the offender's art pieces is featured on the cover page of the museum's newsletter.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility hosted the Pendleton Facilities' Community Advisory Board Meeting. The Board was provided Facility updates by Superintendents Michael Dempsey, Tom Hanlon, and Brett Mize.

PEN products at the Correctional Industrial Facility concluded its production of building picnic tables this week. Beginning April 1, 2008 they have constructed 4,000 picnic tables.